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Presentation for the Conference

*Creating Collaborative Communities*

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# Conference Objectives:

*Why are we here?*

- There is a broad awareness of the importance of encouraging interlocal collaborations
- However, there is much we do not understand about this topic

# Conference Overview

- Two-day format brings together leading academics, local government officials, and others to study and share experiences on this issue
- This is the first time that scholars from across the country have come together
- Locally, this is an important and timely issue

# Interlocal Services Collaboration

- What is it?
- What makes this topic so difficult?
- Can these independent, voluntary, and small scale collaborations develop into something more?

# Academic Research on Interlocal Services Collaboration

- Often build directly on research on cooperation
- Emphasize importance in cost characteristics of services
- Analyze both the technical and political dimensions of interlocal cooperation
- Increasingly focus on the professional networks of public managers

# Thanks to our Collaborators!

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# Public Management & *Metropolitan Governance* Can ILAs bridge the gap?

- Public management requisites
  - Scale economies, avoiding diseconomies
  - Limiting coordinating costs
  - Balancing cost and quality objectives
- Metropolitan governance imperatives
  - Local units which promote political participation, civic engagement
  - Minimize free riding and confront transjurisdictional issues.